AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 through 13, 15, and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a <u>first</u> media track, the <u>first</u> media track comprising a sequence of media items <u>selected from a first group of media items,</u> said method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of <u>adding an</u> Edit Decision List (EDL) <s>elements</s> <u>element into a second media track, the EDL element</u> referencing <s>at least one</s> <u>a</u> media item <u>from the first group of media items</u>;

associating at least one track control attribute in <s>an</s> <u>the</u> EDL element <s>in the sequence</s> with at least one subsequent EDL element <u>in the second media track</u>, the track control attribute affecting a <s>behavior</s> <u>duration</u> of a media item <u>in the first media track</u> referenced by the <s>at least one subsequent</s> EDL element in the <s>sequence</s> <u>second media track</u>;

generating the <u>first</u> media track in accordance with the <s>sequence of</s> EDL <s>elements</s> <u>element</u>, the <u>at least one</u> track control attribute, and another media item in <s>the</s> <u>a third</u> media track; and

upon <s>the</s> <u>a</u> sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the <u>first</u> media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent

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EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ <u>duration</u>

of a media item <u>in the first media track</u> referenced by the ~~at least one subsequent~~ EDL element in

the modified sequence<u>, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a</u>

<u>duration of the another media item in the third media track</u>.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the re-arranging

step comprises deletion of ~~at least one of~~ the EDL ~~elements~~ <u>element</u>.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first</u> media track

is started in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the

sequence of the EDL elements.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first</u> media track

is terminated in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the

sequence of the EDL elements.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the <u>first</u> media track is a graphical overlay that is referenced by a track control attribute<u>.</u> ~~of the at least one track control attribute.~~

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the media item in the <u>first</u> media track comprises a copy of a source media item in a source media track, which is referenced by an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the copy of the source media item forms the media item in the <u>first</u> media track.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the track control attribute comprises one of (a) an attribute to activate a media item in the <u>first</u> media track and (b) an attribute to deactivate the media item in the media track.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a <u>first</u> media track, the <u>first</u> media track comprising a sequence of media items <u>selected from a first group of media items</u>, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for ~~arranging a sequence of~~ <u>adding an</u> Edit Decision List (EDL) ~~elements~~ <u>element into a second media track, the EDL element</u> referencing ~~at least one~~ <u>a</u> media item <u>from the first group of media items</u>;

means for associating at least one track control attribute in ~~an~~ <u>the</u> EDL element ~~in the sequence~~ with at least one subsequent EDL element in the ~~sequence~~ <u>second media track</u>, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ <u>duration</u> of a media item <u>in the first media track</u> referenced by the ~~at least one subsequent~~ EDL element in the ~~sequence~~ <u>second media track</u>; and

means for generating the <u>first</u> media in track in accordance with the ~~sequence of~~ EDL ~~elements~~ <u>element</u>, the track control attribute, and another media item in ~~the~~ <u>a third</u> media track; <u>and</u>

means for, upon ~~the~~ <u>a</u> sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the <u>first</u> media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ <u>duration</u> of a media item <u>in the first media track</u> referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence<u>, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track</u>.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable disk or storage device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a method for generating a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) elements element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing at least one media item from the first group of media items;

associating at least one track control attribute in an the EDL element in the sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence second media track, the track control attribute affecting a behavior duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the sequence of EDL elements element, the track control attribute, and another media item in the a third media track; and

upon the a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in

the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

16 -17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, the media track being formed by a method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) elements element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing at least one media item from the first group of media items;

associating at least one track control attribute in an the EDL element in the sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence second media track, the track control attribute affecting a behavior duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the sequence of EDL elements element, the track control attribute, and another media item in the a third media track; and

upon the a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent

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EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ <u>duration</u>

of a media item <u>in the first media track</u> referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in

the modified sequence<u>, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a</u>

<u>duration of the another media item in the first media track</u>.